THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 19th March 1955.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.--QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Repairs to Gandhinagar dhobikhana, Ootacamund.

* 253 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation in 1953 regarding the repairs to the Gandhinagar dhobikhana, Ootacamund; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Municipal Council, Ootacamund, was instructed to repair the dhobikana and it has carried out essential repairs by April 1954."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government consider the question of having dhobikhanas in every municipality and see that they are established? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There must be dhobikhanas in many municipalities, Sir."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is it possible to include the opening of dhobikhanas in municipal towns in our Five-Year Plan? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If the hon. Member is referring to the Second Five-Year Plan, I may tell him that proposals for inclusion in that Plan are yet to be formulated."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government consider the question of including such schemes in the Five-Year Plan and providing aid to them from the Central Government grants for the purpose as in the case of water-supply and drainage schemes? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The suggestion of the hon. Member will be borne in mind, Sir."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, may I know who runs these dhobikhanas? Are they run by the Government or the dhobis? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" By some organization of dhobis, Sir."

Sri M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Sir, is there any Government order to open dhobikhanas in all municipalities, the population of each of which exceeds 50,000? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member is asking a general question. The main question relates to the Ootacamund dhobikhana, Sir."

Questionnaire issued by the Elementary Education Committee.

* 254 *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM (on behalf of Sri T. M. Daivasikhamani Achariar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether the Government have perused the questionnaire issued by the Elementary Education Committee and, if so, whether they have any proposal to instruct the Committee (i) to issue a few more questions inviting views and suggestions on cottage industries as well and (ii) to issue future notifications and circulars in Tamil?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no proposal to add to the questionnaire now. The suggestion to publish such matter in the relevant Indian Languages will be considered in future."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know when the report of the Committee is expected to be finalised and whether we can expect the projected reforms to be introduced in the ensuing academic year? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am expecting the report in June. Whether it can be examined in time for changes to be introduced in the next academic year is a thing which can be said only on the receipt of the report."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, can the Government give any information as to the number of persons interviewed by the Committee and the number of replies received to the questionnaire issued by it? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I cannot give the information now."

Enquiry into cases against drivers of the Government Transport Department.

* 255 *Q.*—Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the statement of the Inspector-General of Police in the annual report for 1952—

(*a*) why cases relating to drivers of the Government Transport Department are referred to the Enquiry Committee; and